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IRON. *adj.*
 1. Made of iron.
 In iron walls they deem'd me not secure. *Shakefp. H. VI.*
 Get me an iron crow, and bring it straight
 Unto my cell. *Shakefp. Romeo and Juliet.*
 Some are of an iron red, shining, and polite; others not
 polite, but as if powdered with iron dust. *Woodward.*
 Poll-cats and weefels do a great deal of injury to warrens:
 the way of taking them is in hutches, and iron traps. *Mortin.*
 2. Resembling iron in colour.
 A piece of stone of a dark iron grey colour, but in some
 parts of a ferruginous colour. *Woodward on Fossils.*
 Some of them are of an iron red, and very bright. *Woodw.*
 3. Harsh; severe; rigid; miserable; calamitous; as, the iron
 age, for an age of hardship and wickedness. These ideas may
 be found more or less in all the following examples.
 Three vigorous virgins, waiting still behind,
 Assist the throne of th' iron scepter'd king. *Crashaw.*
 O sad virgin, that thy power
 Might bid the foul of Orpheus sing
 Such notes as warbled to the string,
 Drew iron tears from Pluto's cheek,
 And made hell grant what love did seek. *Milton.*
 In all my iron years of wars and dangers,
 From blooming youth down to decaying age,
 My fame ne'er knew a stain of dishonour. *Rowe.*
 Jove crush the nations with an iron rod,
 And ev'ry monarch be the scourge of God. *Pope's Odyssey.*
 4. Indissoluble; unbroken.
 Rash Elpenor, in an evil hour,
 Dry'd an immeasurable bowl, and thought
 T' exhale his fureit by irriguous sleep,
 Imprudent: him death's iron sleep oppress. *Phillips.*
 5. Hard; impenetrable.
 I will converse with iron witted fools,
 And unresponsive boys: none are for me,
 That look into me with confid'rate eyes. *Shakefp. R. III.*
TO IRON. *v. a.* [from the noun.]
 1. To smooch with an iron.
 2. To shackle with irons.
IRONICAL. *adj.* [ironique, Fr. from irony.] Expressing one thing
 and meaning another; speaking by contraries.
 In this fallacy may be comprised all ironical mistakes, or
 expressions receiving inverted significations. *Brown.*
 I take all your ironical civilities in a literal sense, and shall
 expect them to be literally performed. *Swift.*
IRONICALLY. *adv.* [from ironical.] By the use of irony.
 Socrates was pronounced by the oracle of Delphos to be the
 wisest man of Greece, which he would turn from himself
 ironically, saying, there could be nothing in him to verify the
 oracle, except this, that he was not wise, and knew it; and
 others were not wise, and knew it not. *Bacon.*
 The dean, ironically grave, *Swift.*
 Still shunn'd the fool, and last'd the knave.
IRONMONGER. *n. s.* [iron and mangle.] A dealer in iron.
IRONWOOD. *n. s.* A kind of wood extremely hard, and so pon-
 derous as to sink in water. It grows in America. *Rob. Cray.*
IRONWORT. *n. s.* [sideritis, Latin.] It is a plant with a labiated
 flower, consisting of one leaf, whose upper lip or beard is
 divided into three parts: out of the flower-cup rises the pointal,
 attended, as it were, by four embryos; which afterward turn
 to so many oblong seeds, shut up in an hulk, which before was
 the flower-cup: to these marks must be added, the flowers
 growing in whorles at the wings of the leaves, which are cut
 like a crest, and differ from the other leaves of the plant. *Mill.*
IRONY. *adj.* [from iron.] Made of iron; partaking of iron.
 The force they are under is real, and that of their fate but
 imaginary; it is not strange if the irony chains have more
 solidity than the contemplative. *Hammond's Fundamentals.*
 Some springs of Hungary, highly impregnated with vitriol-
 lick salts, dissolve the body of one metal, suppose iron, put
 into the spring; and deposit, in lieu of the iron particles car-
 ried off, coppery particles. *Woodward on Fossils.*
IRONY. *n. s.* [ironie, Fr. iseweta.] A mode of speech in
 which the meaning is contrary to the words: as, *Bolingbroke*
was a holy man.
 So grave a body, upon so solemn an occasion, should not
 deal in irony, or explain their meaning by contraries. *Swift.*
IRRADIANCE. *n. s.* [irradiance, French; irradiatio, Latin.]
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 1. Emission of rays or beams of light upon any object.
 The principal affection is its translucency; the irradiancey
 and sparkling, found in many gems, is not discoverable in
 this. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*
 2. Beams of light emitted.
 Love not the heavenly spirits? Or do they mix
 Irradiance! virtual, or immediate touch? *Mit. Par. Lgt.*
TO IRRADIATE. *v. a.* [irradiare, Latin.]
 1. To adorn with light emitted upon it; to brighten.
 When he thus perceives that these opacous bodies do not
 hinder the eye from judging light to have an equal plenary
 diffusion through the whole place it irradiates, he can have no

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difficulty to allow air, that is diaphanous, to be every where
 mingled with light. *Digby on Bodies.*
 It is not a converting but a crowning grace; such an one
 as irradiates and puts a circle of glory about the head of him
 upon whom it descends. *South.*
 2. To enlighten intellectually; to illumine; to illuminate.
 Celestial light
 Shine inward, and the mind through all her pow'rs
 Irradiate; there plant eyes: all mist from thence
 Purge and disperse. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. iii.*
 3. To animate by heat or light.
 Ethereal or solar heat must digest, influence, irradiate, and
 put those more simple parts of matter into motion. *Hale.*
 4. To decorate with shining ornaments.
 No weeping orphan saw his father's store
 Our shrines irradiate, or imblaze the floor. *Pope.*
IRRADIATION. *n. s.* [irradiation, Fr. from irradiate.]
 1. The act of emitting beams of light.
 If light were a body it should drive away the air, which is
 likewise a body, wherever it is admitted; for within the whole
 sphere of the irradiation of it, there is no point but light is
 found. *Digby on Bodies.*
 The generation of bodies is not effected by irradiation, or
 answerably unto the propagation of light; but herein a trans-
 mission is made materially from some parts, and ideally from
 every one. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*
 2. Illumination; intellectual light.
 The means of derivation and immediate union of these in-
 telligible objects to the understanding, are sometimes divine
 and supernatural, as by immediate irradiation or revelation.
Hale's Origin of Mankind.
IRRATIONAL. *adj.* [irrationalis, Latin.]
 1. Void of reason; void of understanding; without the dis-
 cursive faculty.
 Thus began
 Outrage from lifeless things; but discord first,
 Daughter of sin, among th' irrational
 Death introduc'd. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*
 He hath eat'n, and lives,
 And knows, and speaks, and reasons and discerns;
 Irrational! till then. *Mit. Paradise Lost, b. ix.*
 2. Absurd; contrary to reason.
 Since the brain is only a part transmittent, and that humours
 oft are precipitated to the lungs before they arrive to the brain,
 no kind of benefit can be effected from so irrational an appli-
 cation. *Harvey on Consumption.*
 I shall quietly submit, not wishing so irrational a thing as
 that every body should be deceived. *Pope.*
IRRATIONALITY. *n. s.* [from irrational.] Want of reason.
IRRATIONALLY. *adv.* [from irrational.] Without reason;
 absurdly.
IRRECLAIMABLE. *adj.* [in and reclaimable.] Not to be re-
 claimed; not to be changed to the better.
 As for obstinate, irreclaimable, professed enemies, we must
 expect their calumnies will continue. *Addison's Freeholder.*
IRRECONCILABLE. *adj.* [irreconcilable, Fr. in and reconcilable.]
 1. Not to be reconciled; not to be appeased.
 Wage eternal war,
 Irreconcilable to our grand foe. *Milton.*
 A weak unequal faction may animate a government; but
 when it grows equal in strength, and irreconcilable by animos-
 ity, it cannot end without some crisis. *Temple.*
 There are no factions, though irreconcilable to one another,
 that are not united in their affection to you. *Dryden.*
 2. Not to be made consistent. It has with or to.
 As she was strictly virtuous herself, so she always put the
 best construction upon the words and actions of her neigh-
 bours, except where they were irreconcilable to the rules of
 honesty and decency. *Arbutnot. Hist. of John Bull.*
 Since the sense I oppose is attended with such gross irrecon-
 cilable absurdities, I presume I need not offer any thing farther
 in support of the one, or in disproof of the other. *Rogers.*
 This essential power of gravitation or attraction is irrecon-
 cilable with the atheist's own doctrine of a chaos. *Beckley.*
 All that can be transmitted from the stars is wholly unac-
 countable, and irreconcilable to any system of science. *Bentley.*
IRRECONCILABLENESS. *n. s.* [from irreconcilable.] Impossi-
 bility to be reconciled.
IRRECONCILABLY. *adv.* [from irreconcilable.] In a manner
 not admitting reconciliation.
IRRECONCILED. *adj.* [in and reconciled.] Not atoned.
 A servant dies in many irreconciled iniquities. *Shakefp. H. V.*
IRRECOVERABLE. *adj.* [in and recoverable.]
 1. Not to be regained; not to be refitted or repaired.
 Time, in a natural sense, is irrecoverable: the moment just
 fled by us, it is impossible to recall. *Rogers.*
 2. Not to be remedied.
 The irrecoverable loss of so many livings of principal
 value.
 It concerns every man, that would not trifle away his soul,
 and fool himself into irrecoverable misery, with the greatest
 seriousness to enquire. *Tillotson's Sermons.*
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IRRECOVERABLY. *adv.* [from irrecoverable.] Beyond reco-
 very; past repair.
 O dark, dark, dark amid' the blaze of noon;
 Irrecoverably dark, total eclipse,
 Without all hope of day. *Milton's Agonistes.*
 The credit of the Exchequer is irrecoverably lost by the last
 breach with the bankers. *Temple.*
IRREDUCIBLE. *adj.* [in and reducible.] Not to be brought or
 reduced.
 These observations seem to argue the corpuscles of air to
 be irreducible into water. *Boyle.*
IRREFRAGABILITY. *n. s.* [from irrefragable.] Strength of
 argument not to be refuted.
IRREFRAGABLE. *adj.* [irrefragabilis, school Latin; irre-
 fragable, Fr.] Not to be confuted; superior to argumental
 opposition.
 Strong and irrefragable the evidences of Christianity must
 be: they who refuted them would resist every thing. *Atterbury.*
 The danger of introducing unexperienced men was urged
 as an irrefragable reason for working by flow degrees. *Swift.*
IRREFRAGABLY. *adv.* [from irrefragable.] With force above
 confutation.
 That they denied a future state is evident from St. Paul's
 reasonings, which are of no force but only on that supposition,
 as Origen largely and irrefragably proves. *Atterbury.*
IRREFUTABLE. *adj.* [irrefutabilis, Latin.] Not to be over-
 thrown by argument.
IRREGULAR. *adj.* [irregulier, Fr. irregularis, Latin.]
 1. Deviating from rule, custom, or nature.
 The am'rous youth
 Obtain'd of Venus his desire,
 Howe'er irregular his fire. *Prior.*
 2. Immethodical; not confined to any certain rule or order.
 This motion seems excentric and irregular, yet not well
 to be refuted or quieted. *King Charles.*
 Regular
 Then most, when most irregular they seem. *Milton.*
 The numbers of pindariques are wild and irregular, and
 sometimes seem harsh and uncouth. *Cowley.*
 3. Not being according to the laws of virtue. A soft word for
 virtuous.
IRREGULARITY. *n. s.* [irregularité, Fr. from irregular.]
 1. Deviation from rule.
 2. Neglect of method and order.
 This irregularity of its unruly and tumultuous motion might
 afford a beginning unto the common opinion. *Brown.*
 As these vast heaps of mountains are thrown together with
 so much irregularity and confusion, they form a great variety
 of hollow bottoms. *Addison on Italy.*
 3. Inordinate practice.
 Religion is somewhat less in danger of corruption, while
 the sinner acknowledges the obligations of his duty, and is
 ashamed of his irregularities. *Rogers's Sermons.*
IRREGULARLY. *adv.* [from irregular.] Without observation
 of rule or method.
 Phaeton,
 By the wild courses of his fancy drawn,
 From East to West irregularly hurld,
 First set on fire himself, and then the world. *Dryden jun.*
 Your's is a foul irregularly great,
 Which wanting temper, yet abounds with heat. *Dryden.*
 It may give some light to those whose concern for their lit-
 tle ones makes them so irregularly bold as to consult their own
 reason, in the education of their children, rather than to rely
 upon old custom. *Locke.*
TO IRREGULATE. *v. a.* [from in and regula, Latin.] To
 make irregular; to disorder.
 Its fluctuations are but motions subservient, which winds,
 shelves, and every interjacency irregularates. *Brown's Vulg. Err.*
IRRELATIVE. *adj.* [in and relatus, Latin.] Having no re-
 ference to any thing; single; unconnected.
 Separated by the voice of God, things in their species came
 out in uncommunicated varieties, and irrelative femininities.
Brown's Vulgar Errors.
IRRELIGION. *n. s.* [irreligion, Fr. in and religion.] Contempt
 of religion; impiety.
 The weapons with which I combat irreligion are already
 consecrated. *Dryden.*
 We behold every instance of prophaneness and irreligion,
 not only committed, but defended and gloried in. *Rogers.*
IRRELIGIOUS. *adj.* [irreligiens, Fr. in and religious.]
 1. Contemning religion; impious.
 The ill of an irreligious Moor. *Shakefp. Tit. Andron.*
 Whoe'er sees these irreligious men,
 With burthen of a sickness weak and faint,
 But hears them talking of religion then,
 And vowing of their souls to ev'ry saint,
 Shame and reproach is generally the portion of the impious
 and irreligious. *South's Sermons.*
 2. Contrary to religion.
 Wherein that Scripture standeth not the church of God in
 any stead, or serveth nothing at all to direct, but may be let

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pafs as needfess to be consulted with, we judge it profane, im-
 pious, and irreligious to think. *H. cher.*
 Might not the queen's domesticks be obliged to avoid swear-
 ings, and irreligious profane discourse? *Swift.*
IRRELIGIOUSLY. *adv.* [from irreligious.] With impiety;
 with irreligion.
IRREMEABLE. *adj.* [irremediabilis, Latin.] Admitting no re-
 turn.
 The keeper charm'd, the chief without delay
 Pafs'd on, and took th' irremediable way. *Dryden.*
IRREMEABLE. *adj.* [irremediabile, Fr. in and remediable.]
 Admitting no cure; not to be remedied.
 They content themselves with that which was the irremediable
 error of former times, or the necessity of the present hath cast
 upon them. *Hooker.*
 A steady hand, in governing of military affairs, is more
 requisite than in times of peace, because an error committed
 in war may prove irremediable. *Bacon.*
 Whatever he consults you about, unless it lead to some fatal
 and irremediable mischief, be sure you advise only as a
 friend. *Locke.*
IRREMEADIABLY. *adv.* [from irremediabile.] Without cure.
 It happens to us irremediably and inevitably, that we may
 perceive these accidents are not the fruits of our labour, but
 gifts of God. *Taylor's Worthy Communicant.*
IRREMISSIBLE. *adj.* [in and remitto, Lat. irremissibile, French.]
 Not to be pardoned.
IRREMISSIBLENESS. *n. s.* [from irremissibile.] The quality of
 being not to be pardoned.
 Thence arises the aggravation and irremissibility of the
 sin. *Hammond on Fundamentals.*
IRREMOVABLE. *adj.* [in and remove.] Not to be moved;
 not to be changed.
 He's irremovable,
 Resolv'd for flight. *Shakefp. Winter's Tale.*
IRRENOVABLE. *adj.* [in and renouen.] Void of honour.
 For all he did was to deceive good knights,
 And draw them from pursuit of praise and fame
 To sluggish sloth and sensual delights,
 And end their days with irrenowned shame. *Fairy Queen.*
IRREPARABLE. *adj.* [irreparabilis, Lat. irreparable, Fr.] Not
 to be recovered; not to be repaired.
 Irreparable is the loss, and patience says it is not past her
 cure. *Shakefp. Tempest.*
 Toild with loss irreparable. *Milton.*
 It is an irreparable injustice we are guilty of, when we are
 prejudiced by the looks of those whom we do not know. *Addison.*
 The story of Deucalion and Pyrrha teaches, that piety and
 innocence cannot mis of the divine protection, and that the
 only loss irreparable is that of our probity. *Garth.*
IRREPARABLY. *adv.* [from irreparable.] Without recovery;
 without amends.
 Such adventures befall artists irreparably. *Boyle.*
 The cutting off that time industry and gifts, whereby she would
 be nourished, were irreparably injurious to her. *Dec. of Piety.*
IRREPLEVABLE. *adj.* [in and replevy.] Not to be redeemed.
 A law term.
IRREPREHENSIBLE. *adj.* [irreprehensibilis, Fr. irreprehensibilis,
 Latin.] Exempt from blame.
IRREPREHENSIBLY. *adv.* [from irreprehensibilis.] Without blame.
IRREPRESENTABLE. *adj.* [in and represent.] Not to be figured
 by any representation.
 God's irrepresentable nature doth hold against making images
 of God. *Stillfleet.*
IRREPROACHABLE. *adj.* [in and reproachable.] Free from
 blame; free from reproach.
 He was a serious sincere Christian, of an innocent, irre-
 proachable, nay, exemplary life. *Atterbury.*
 Their prayer may be, that they may raise up and breed as
 irreproachable a young family as their parents have done. *Pope.*
IRREPROACHABLY. *adv.* [from irreproachable.] Without
 blame; without reproach.
IRREPROVEABLE. *adj.* [in and reproveable.] Not to be blamed;
 irreproachable.
IRRESISTIBILITY. *n. s.* [from irresistibile.] Power or force
 above opposition.
 The doctrine of irresistibility of grace, in working whatfo-
 ever it works, if it be acknowledged, there is nothing to be
 asfixt to gratitude. *Hammond on Fundamentals.*
IRRESISTIBLY. *adv.* [irresistibilis, Fr. in and resistibile.] Supe-
 rior to opposition.
 Fear doth grow from an apprehension of the Deity, inducd
 with irresistibile power to hurt; and is of all affections, anger
 excepted, the unaptest to admit conference with reason. *Hook.*
 In mighty quadrate join'd
 Of union irresistibile. *Milton.*
 Fear of God is inward acknowledgment of an holy just
 Being, armed with almighty and irresistibile power. *Tillotson.*
 There can be no difference in the subjects, where the appli-
 cation is almighty and irresistibile, as in creation. *Rogers.*
 Won by the charm
 Of goodness irresistibile, she bluth'd consent. *Thomson.*
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